

Interstate 17 Construction Update

July 31, 2008

I-17 closed tonight and Tuesday night at Jomax Road; southbound I-17 exit at Carefree Highway also closed tonight



Upcoming Restrictions

Several closures and restrictions are planned on Interstate 17 for construction of improvements. Please see the complete list of restrictions below for information about restriction dates, times and alternate routes.

All I-17 improvement projects from Loop 101 to Carefree Highway are scheduled for completion in 2009. Projects currently under construction include new I-17 traffic interchanges at Jomax Road and Carefree Highway (SR 74), as well as widening I-17 by two additional lanes in each direction from Loop 101 to Carefree Highway (one general purpose traffic lane and one HOV lane each way). Construction is anticipated to begin this winter on widening I-17 from Carefree Highway to Anthem Way.

These projects are some of the first elements of the Regional Transportation Plan for Maricopa County and are funded through a voter-approved sales tax to improve and construct new roads throughout the Valley during the next 20 years. More information on the Regional Transportation Plan is available at www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways.

While ADOT strives to inform the public about planned freeway restrictions, during any complex construction project, there is a possibility that unscheduled closures or restrictions may occur. Please visit our <u>Web site</u> for the most current information about planned and ongoing I-17 restrictions.

Here's an overview of scheduled restrictions and closures for Interstate 17 projects:

Interstate 17 at Jomax Road

Thursday, July 31 – Friday, Aug. 1

Tuesday, Aug. 5 – Wednesday, Aug. 6

9 p.m. – 5 a.m.

I-17 will be closed overnight in both directions at Jomax Road on Thursday and Tuesday nights for work on the Jomax Road bridge. I-17 traffic will be detoured onto the interchange ramps at Jomax Road during the closures.

Interstate 17 at Carefree Highway (State Route 74)

Thursday, July 31 – Friday, Aug. 1

9 p.m. – 5 a.m.

The southbound I-17 off-ramp at Carefree Highway will be closed overnight from Thursday night until Friday morning for work on the Carefree Highway interchange. As an alternate route, traffic can exit I-17 at Jomax Road and use the temporary frontage road detour to continue south to Happy Valley Road to enter I-17 northbound and exit at Carefree Highway.

Deer Valley Road at Interstate 17

Thursday, July 31 – Friday, Aug. 1

11 p.m. – 5 a.m.

Deer Valley Road will be restricted to one lane in both directions overnight from Thursday night until Friday morning for bridge work on the I-17 widening project.

Interstate 17 from Carefree Highway (State Route 74) to Dixileta Drive

Monday, Aug. 4 – Thursday, Aug. 7

10 p.m. – 5 a.m.

Southbound I-17 will be restricted to one lane nightly from Monday night until the morning of Thursday, Aug. 7 to set temporary concrete barriers for work on the I-17 widening project.

Interstate 17 from Jomax to Happy Valley roads

Monday, Aug. 4 - Tuesday, Aug. 19

Beginning at 4 a.m.

The southbound I-17 frontage road between Jomax and Happy Valley roads will be closed for approximately two weeks beginning Monday morning for work to complete improvements to the roundabout on Happy Valley Road on the west side of I-17. The project will tie in with the new I-17 ramps and frontage roads at Happy Valley that are currently under construction. This closure affects an existing detour route for the current closure of the southbound I-17 off-ramp at Happy Valley Road. Currently, drivers wishing to exit I-17 southbound at Happy Valley Road must exit at Jomax Road and continue on the southbound I-17 frontage road to Happy Valley Road. While this frontage road is closed, I-17 traffic will instead use the southbound off-ramp at Pinnacle Peak Road and then travel north on I-17, the frontage road or local arterial streets to access Happy Valley Road. View map

Happy Valley Road at Interstate 17

Monday, Aug. 4 – Tuesday, Aug. 19

Beginning at 4 a.m.

Happy Valley Road will be restricted to one lane in both directions at the roundabout on the west side of I-17 beginning Monday morning for approximately two weeks to complete improvements to the roundabout to tie in to the new southbound I-17 off-ramp and frontage road at Happy Valley Road.

Drivers should anticipate delays and allow extra time, or adjust travel to avoid closures and restrictions. ADOT appreciates your patience as we construct improvements on I-17.

An audio podcast outlining this week's I-17 Traffic Alert can be downloaded from the ADOT Web site.

- For general information about I-17 improvements, contact the I-17 project hotline at 480.890.3055 or projectupdate@lewin-associates.com.
- For information on construction activities, contact Lars Jacoby at 602.712.7176 or ljacoby@azdot.gov.
- For traffic updates across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at www.az511.gov or call 5-1-1.

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